# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF SUGARCANE
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difference in price of the sugarcane being procured by the cooperative and private sector sugar mills in Haryana;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to take some steps to provide uniform price for sugarcane to the farmers in order to protect the domestic sugar industry; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d): The Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane which is uniform. However, it is fixed with reference to recovery level and the recovery level varies from factory to factory, therefore, the SMP fixed factory-wise, varies from factory to factory.